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Workshop Notice on Informal Draft Regulations for Safer Consumer Products R-2011-02

To All Interested Parties:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will host a workshop on **December 5, 2011**, to discuss the informal draft regulations for **Safer Consumer Products**. Health and Safety Code sections 25252 and 25253 require DTSC to adopt regulations to: (1) establish a process by which chemicals or chemical ingredients in consumer products may be identified and prioritized; and (2) develop criteria by which chemicals and their alternatives may be evaluated and reduce exposure to these chemicals and the hazards posed by them.

This workshop is an opportunity for members of the public to discuss the scope and content of the informal draft regulations with DTSC before the Department proceeds with the formal public notice to adopt regulations.

The workshop will be held at the following time and place:

DATE: December 5, 2011

TIME: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building

Byron Sher Auditorium 1001 "I" Street, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

Note: Travel information is available at http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/Location.htm

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Workshop Topics: These informal draft regulations are the product of input and comments from the Green Ribbon Science Panel and stakeholders that DTSC has received to date. At this workshop, DTSC will provide an overview and summary of the informal draft regulations and describe the rationale that was used to develop them. DTSC welcomes comments and suggestions from the public to enhance the informal draft regulations to make them more meaningful, practical, technically sound, and legally defensible.

Draft Regulation Text: The informal draft regulatory language for Safer Consumer Products and an informational summary are available at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/LawsRegsPolicies/Regs/SCPA.cfm. After reviewing the draft regulations, if you have specific questions that you would like to have addressed at the workshop, please submit them via e-mail to gcregs@dtsc.ca.gov by **November 28, 2011**.

How to comment: All interested parties are invited to participate in this workshop. Those who are unable to attend in person may monitor the workshop live through an audio/video webcast. The live broadcast link will be available on the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) website at http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast.

Questions and comments may be submitted in real time by sending an e-mail to gcregs@dtsc.ca.gov. DTSC staff will monitor e-mails received during the workshop and, as time allows, read and respond to them aloud.

In order for DTSC to accurately capture your comments and refine the informal draft regulations, DTSC is requesting that you provide written comments electronically to gcregs@dtsc.ca.gov or mail them to the address and contact person below by **5:00** p.m. on December **30**, **2011**. All questions and comments submitted will be considered when DTSC prepares the regulations for formal adoption.

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Contact Information: If you have questions about the Safer Consumer Product regulations, please contact Ms. Odette Madriago at (916) 324-4927 or Ms. Corey Yep at (916) 445-3601.

If you have any questions about the workshop, would like to be updated on future actions, or wish to submit written comments regarding these informal draft regulations, please contact Heather Jones via e-mail at gcregs@dtsc.ca.gov.

Written comments may be mailed to:

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